

Blair Lee III. Judge Silver retired from the bench in 1988. But after retiring from the bench, Judge Silver found a whole new career as a partner in Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston, Levitan & Silver LLC, where he was still working when he died.

The Baltimore Sun obituary quoted Alan M. Rifkin, who cofounded the law firm that ultimately became Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston, Levitan & Silver LLC with Judge Silver, as saying, "He lived his life by two principles: 'The best is yet to come' and 'Never trade old friends for new ones, just keep adding them on.'" I couldn't agree more. Judge Silver simply loved his home city and relished the chance to serve its citizens. He approached his time on the Baltimore Circuit Court with enormous humility and never lost sight of the fact that his decisions from the bench had far-reaching effects on people's lives. His contributions to the Maryland Legislature were varied and lasting, and the number of issues he shaped for the better are innumerable. Judge Silver was a political historian and touchstone with a perspective like few others. His counsel through the years has been invaluable to me and my family. We will be forever grateful.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Ann, his wife of 64 years; their children, Michael Silver and Roslyn "Rozzie" Benjamin; and Judge Silver's other family members, all of whom he loved deeply, including his four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The people of Maryland have lost a tremendous asset with Judge Silver's passing, but all of us who knew him are richer for having done so.●

TRIBUTE TO LEROY GOODMAN

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Mayor LeRoy Goodman, of Fernley, on his retirement. After serving as the mayor of Fernley for several years, Mayor Goodman will be retiring on November 19, 2014. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate him on his retirement after 42 years of hard work and dedication to the Silver State.

Upon graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a bachelor's degree in business, Mayor Goodman went on to earn his master's degree in education and became a basketball coach and teacher at Fernley High School in 1965. Aside from dedicating his time educating the youth in Fernley, he has devoted much of his time and efforts to the betterment of his community through his roles as a board member of the Northern Nevada Development Authority, a member of the Fernley Town Board, sitting on the board of directors for a multitude of Nevada organizations, and as Lyon county commissioner. His many years of experience made him an ideal candidate for Fernley Mayor after the resignation of former Mayor Todd Cutler. Upon being sworn in as mayor on August 5, 2009, he immediately began working on improv-

ing the functioning of the council and city operations. His main focus remained his constituency and ensuring their needs and priorities were met.

I have been fortunate during my time in Congress to be able to work closely with Mayor Goodman on Federal legislation—the Fernley Economic Self-Determination Act, S.1983, which will provide the city of Fernley the option to purchase Federal lands within the city's boundaries that are currently landlocked by checkerboard parcels of Federal land. Working alongside private business partners and State and Federal regional agencies, we are seeking to develop a long-term sustainable economic development plan that will enable all parties to benefit from the use of private land within the city. This bill will greatly help the city and will clear the way for thousands of high-paying, private sector jobs. The progress we have made in Congress on this initiative would not be possible without the mayor's strong leadership.

His service to the Fernley community extends far beyond the many positions he has held in the Silver State over the years. Mayor Goodman also served his country as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. I extend my deepest gratitude to Mayor Goodman for his courageous contributions to the United States of America and to freedom-loving nations around the world. His service to his country and his bravery and dedication earn him a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly defended our Nation.

As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals who serve America but also to ensure they are cared for when they return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation.

I am grateful for his dedication and commitment to the people of Fernley and to the State of Nevada. He exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and community service and should be proud of his long and meaningful career. Today, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Mayor Goodman on his retirement, and I offer my deepest appreciation for all that he has done to make Nevada an even better place. I offer my best wishes for many successful and fulfilling years to come.●

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joseph Majkut, who is an American Association for Advancement of Science fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 576, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 576) expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2014, as the "National Day on Writing."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 576) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 4

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 4 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4) to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I would ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENTS

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces that appointments were made during the recess of the Senate, pursuant to the order of September 18, 2014, and those appointments will be stated in the RECORD.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 110-315, the appointment of the following individual to be a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: George Hanks Brown of Colorado.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-498, as amended by Public Law 110-315, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member